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In re application of

SATO, KENICHIRO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/275,941

Group Art Unit: 1623

Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Taylor Victor OH

Filed: March 25, 1999

For: NOVEL (METH)ACRYLIC ACID ESTER COMPOUND

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of Application
Serial No. 09/275,941 filed March 25, 1999.

As requested in the concurrently filed letter to the Commissioner requesting the
establishment of this CPA, please enter and consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
filed February 22, 2001, but unentered in the prior application.

In the final Office Action mailed November 8, 2000 in the parent application, claims 1
and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ahlheim et al.
Claims 2-3 and 5-10 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim, but were stated to
be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim
and any intervening claims. See id. at page 2; see also the Office Action mailed March 23, 2000
at page 3, paragraph 4.